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Brett Siddoway displays the fancy saddle he garnered at the roping event.

Heber City Cowboy Ropes His Way to a New Saddle

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The 3rd Annual Coors Team Roping event was held at the Utah County Fairgrounds in Spanish Fork recently. The event was sponsored by J & J Distributing Co. and the Spanish Fork Roping Club.

A total of four ropings were held over the course of two days,

with over 500 teams from the Intermountain region participating. This event was one of the largest roping events to be held in the state of Utah during the 1985 season. The event was a great success due to the number of roping teams involved and the support of the sponsors.

High Point roper and saddle winner was Brett Siddoway of Heber. The saddle was custom-made for this event by Dick Prescott, owner of Rockin D Saddle Co. of Pleasant Grove. The saddle was donated by J & J Distributing Co. of Orem.

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tilova edged past Hana Mandlikova, and then defeated Helena Sukova, both of whom she knew in Prague. In fact, Sukova's late mother, Vera, was her coach and friend and also was her chaperone when Navratilova defected in New York in 1975.

"We were friends before and we're still friends now," Navratilova said after defeating Sukova. "She's a really nice girl and it's nice to play people you like."

"I was pretty close to her mother, which makes a difference, but Hana's father was close friends with my mother. We were all friends with each other somewhere down the line."

In addition to the United States and Czechoslovakia, other countries represented in the singles championship were Australia, Bulgaria, Canada, Hungary, Sweden and West Germany. Another five countries—Britain, the Neth-

erlands, Romania, South Africa and Switzerland—participated in the doubles.

Since the emergence of Navratilova, Czechoslovakia has become a dominant power in tennis, and also boasts two of the leading men in Ivan Lendl and Tomas Smid.

Asked how much credit she could take for this, Navratilova replied, "I don't know how much I helped them. If I helped them it's because I defected. It allowed them to travel more because the Czech federation decided that if they restricted them they would have reason to defect as I did."

"If they didn't restrict them, they would have no reason to leave."

Navratilova pointed to the lack of options in Czechoslovakia for that country's new strength in tennis.

"It's the society," she said. "There is nothing else to do there. The athletics are not organized in the schools at all. You do it in clubs. In the last 10 years tennis has become really popular and Hana is the only one that is not from a tennis family. Her parents were athletic, her father is a sprinter, but not a tennis player."

"Helena's cousin was my doubles partner. It makes a big difference when you come from a tennis family. There is nothing else to do, there's no organized basketball or volleyball."

Despite persistent whispers that the rest of the world is catching up to Navratilova, the 28-year-old left-hander has won 101 of her last 104 matches. It is interesting to note that two of the losses were pinned on her by those faces from the past—Sukova and Mandlikova.

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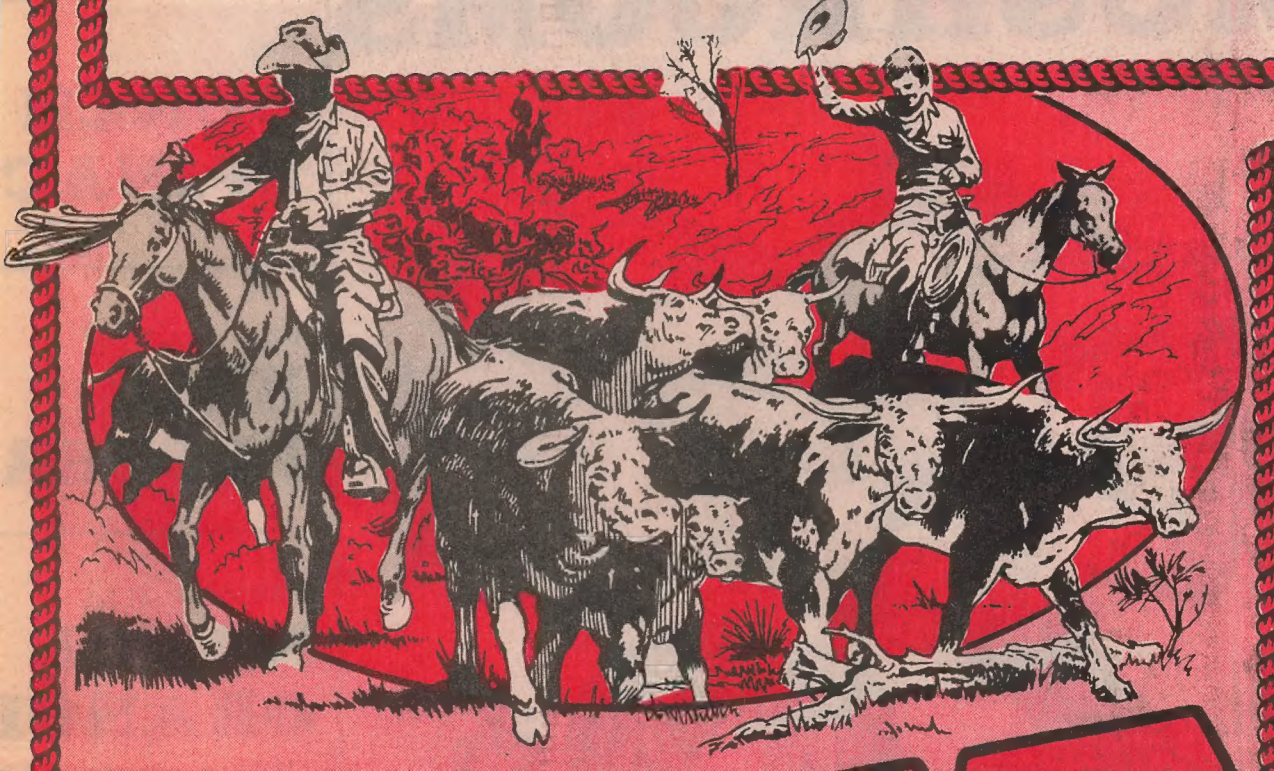
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